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AT the Court at St. *James's*, the 9th Day of *November*, 1759,

PRESENT,

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majeſty's Proclamation of the 15th of May laſt, "For "giving Encouragement to Seamen and able bodied "Landmen to enter themſelves on board His Ma"jeſty's Ships of War; for granting Rewards for "diſcovering ſuch Seamen as ſhall conceal them"ſelves; for pardoning ſuch Seamen as have deſert"ed and ſhall return into the Service; and alſo for "taking up all ſtragling Seamen," hath been prolonged and extended to this Ninth Day of November,—And whereas it is judged expedient for His Ma[illegible]'s Service, that the ſame ſhould be continued for ſome Time longer—His Majeſty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His privy Council, hereby Order that the ſaid Time be prolonged and extended from this Ninth Day of November, to the Thirty Firſt Day of December next, and that the Bounties and Rewards given and granted by His Majeſty's aforementioned Proclamation, be continued to be paid until the ſaid Thirty-Firſt Day of December next—Whereof all Perſons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themſelves accordingly.

W. Blair.

St. James's, December 8.

The following Addreſs of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of the Town and County of the Town of Poole, having been tranſmitted by Sir Richard Lyttelton, Knight of the Bath, one of their Repreſentatives in Parliament, to the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt, has by him been preſented to His Majeſty: Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of the Town and County of the Town of Poole.

May it pleaſe your moſt gracious Majeſty!

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of the Town and County of the Town of Poole, humbly beg Leave to congratulate your Majeſty upon the Succeſs of your Majeſty's Arms by Sea and Land, and to expreſs the Joy we feel in the proſperous State of your Majeſty's Dominions.

Warm as we are with the Love of our Country, and with a ſincere Affection for your Majeſty's moſt Sacred Perſon, and Government, the ſignal Victories gained over our Enemies by your Majeſty's Forces in all Parts of the World, cannot but make a very ſenſible and laſting Impreſſion upon us.

The Reduction of the French Naval Power, and the Vindication, the Support, and the Advancement of the Glory of the Britiſh Flag; the Deliverance, and Safety of your Majeſty's Electoral Dominions; the Diſappointment of our Enemies in their Attempt upon the Settlements of your Majeſty's Subjects, the ſeveral Conqueſts made of their Poſſeſſions, particularly that great and important one of their Capital in North America, (purchaſed, indeed, by the Death of your Majeſty's General, bravely fighting in his Country's Cauſe, a Cauſe, in which it is always glorious to die) are Events, that will for ever diſtinguiſh the preſent Time in the Annals of Britain.

The Happineſs we experience, under your Majeſty's auſpicious Reign, in the great Security of our Trade and Commerce, in the full Enjoyment of our Rights and Properties, and in the conſtant Increaſe of all our National Advantages, for which we are, next to God, indebted to the wiſe and prudent Meaſures taken and ſteadily purſued in the Courſe of your Majeſty's Adminiſtration, fills our Hearts with the higheſt Sentiments of Eſteem and Gratitude.

Should our reſtleſs and inveterate Enemies, in Revenge for the Loſſes they have ſuſtained, envious of our happy Condition, as the Subjects of your Majeſty, and, in Agreement with their repeated Threatnings, raſhly attempt to invade theſe Kingdoms, we beg Leave to aſſure your Majeſty, that we will, to the utmoſt, exert ourſelves in the Defence of your Majeſty's moſt Sacred Perſon, and of our native Country, to which we ſhall never think our Lives and Fortunes too dear a Sacrifice.

May your Majeſty's Life be long continued to us! May it be one Part of your Majeſty's Happineſs to ſee the Peace of Europe ſettled upon a ſure and laſting Foundation! And may your Majeſty always enjoy the particular Pleaſure and Satisfaction ariſing to yourſelf from a Senſe of the Security and Proſperity of your People.

The following Addreſs of the Bailiffs, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of the Borough of Tewkeſbury, in the County of Glouceſter, having been tranſmitted by Henry Whitaker, Eſq; their Town Clerk, to the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt, has by him been preſented to His Majeſty: Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Bailiffs, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of the Borough of Tewkeſbury, in the County of Glouceſter, in Common Council aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bailiffs, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of the Borough of Tewkeſbury, in the County of Glouceſter, in Common Council aſſembled, beg Leave to congratulate your Majeſty upon the continued Succeſs of your Majeſty's Arms by Sea and Land, in the many glorious Events of this Year. Such a Series of uninterrupted Victories, muſt convince your Majeſty's Enemies, that the Wiſdom of your Majeſty's Councils, the Courage and Conduct of your Commanders, and the Reſolution of your Fleets and Armies, are ſuperior to the greateſt Difficulties.

To theſe we add our moſt humble Acknowledgments for your Majeſty's unwearied Endeavours in the vigorous Proſecution of the preſent juſt and neceſſary War, entered into by your Majeſty for recovering and protecting the undoubted Rights of your Subjects.

And permit us, moſt dread Sovereign, to ſubjoin our moſt hearty Prayers, that when your Majeſty, in the further Proſecution thereof, ſhall compel your Enemies to ſue for Peace; ſuch a Peace may be eſtabliſhed,

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eſtabliſhed, as ſhall be ſolid, laſting, honourable, and as advantageous to Great Britain, as the preſent War has been glorious; and that your Majeſty may long reign over a free and grateful People.

In Teſtimony whereof, we have cauſed our Common Seal to be hereunto affixed, at the Tolſey in the ſaid Borough, the Twenty Ninth Day of November, in the Thirty Third Year of your Majeſty's Reign.

The following Addreſs of the Juſtices of the Peace, Commiſſioners of Supply, and other Heretors of the County of Berwick, has been preſented to His Majeſty by the Right Hon. the Earl of Marchmont; and the Hon. Al. Hume Campbell, Eſq; one of the Repreſentatives in Parliament for the County of Berwick, being introduced by the Lord of His Majeſty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting; Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Juſtices of the Peace, Commiſſioners of Supply, and other Heretors of the County of Berwick.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Juſtices of the Peace, Commiſſioners of Supply, and other Heretors of the County of Berwick, humbly beg Leave to approach your Royal Throne, with the moſt reſpectful Aſſurances of our Duty and zealous Fidelity to your Majeſty's Sacred Perſon, to your Royal Family, and to your Beneficent Government.

This County having the Honour to be diſtinguiſhed for its Force, having been of ſome Utility towards ſupporting the Proteſtant Succeſſion, when it firſt took Place in your Majeſty's Illuſtrious Houſe; we deſire to declare to your Majeſty the Continuation of our Readineſs and Zeal to exert, upon every Occaſion, the ſame Spirit, in Defence of your Majeſty's Royal Perſon, and of the preſent happy Eſtabliſhment.

By the antient Laws of Scotland, the Subjects were obliged to provide themſelves with Arms, and other warlike Neceſſaries, and by Commiſſions and Inſtructions to Deputy Lieutenants, lately iſſued here, reference is made to thoſe Laws: But ſuch has been the uninterrupted Happineſs we have enjoyed under your Majeſty's auſpicious Government, that your Subjects of this County have never thought it neceſſary to provide themſelves with Arms.

We therefore on this Occaſion become moſt humble Suitors to your Majeſty, that if your Majeſty think fit, that the utmoſt Exertion of the Force of this County, ſhould at this Time be in any Manner employed for your Majeſty's Service, you would be graciouſly pleaſed, by ordering us to be furniſhed with Arms, (as was done in 1715 by your Majeſty's Royal Father) to enable us to demonſtrate, with how much Chearfulneſs and Zeal we deſire to expreſs our Gratitude, for the many Bleſſings we derive from your Majeſty's paternal Care.

Having this Occaſion to approach your Majeſty, permit us, moſt gracious Sovereign, with all Duty, to offer our moſt humble Congratulations on the glorious Succeſſes that have attended your Majeſty's Arms, by Sea and Land, and to aſſure your Majeſty, that the Loyalty and Reſolution of our Fellow Subjects Abroad, ſhall be the object of our Imitation at Home, whenever your Majeſty ſhall do us the Honour to call for our Service.

Signed in the Preſence, and by Order of the Meeting, in their Name, by

MARCHMONT.

The following Addreſs of the Merchants and Principal Inhabitants of the Port of Whitehaven, has been preſented to His Majeſty by Sir James Lowther, Bart. one of the Repreſentatives in Parliament for the County of Cumberland, being introduced by the Lord of His Majeſty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Merchants and Principal Inhabitants of the Port of Whitehaven.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Merchants and Principal Inhabitants of the Port of Whitehaven, humbly beg Leave to approach your Throne with our unfeigned Congratulations upon the late important Succeſs of your Majeſty's Arms; a Succeſs diverſified by ſo many happy Events in all the ſeveral Quarters of the World is ſcarce to be paralleled in Hiſtory, and cannot fail to reflect a diſtinguiſhed Luſtre upon the Wiſdom of your Majeſty's Councils, upon the Conduct of your Generals, and upon the Valour of your Fleets and Armies, to the remoteſt Periods of Time.

The Reduction of Quebec, the Capital of the Enemy's Dominions in North America, together with ſeveral other ſtrong and important Fortreſſes; the Deſtruction of a conſiderable Part of their Naval Force, and the weakening and enervating the reſt by an inglorious Inactivity within their own Ports, while the Reſolution of your Majeſty's Fleets have triumphed over the Elements themſelves, are Events which give us the higheſt Pleaſure, not ſo much as they diſtreſs our Enemy, but as they afford the agreeable Proſpect of ſecuring and enlarging our Commerce, and adding Stability to the many invaluable Bleſſings we enjoy under your Majeſty's mild and auſpicious Government. And our Joy is encreaſed to reflect, that all this glorious Succeſs hath been obtained with ſo little Loſs of our Fellow Subjects, except that much lamented one of the General, who, even in Death, had the Satisfaction to triumph over the Enemy of his Conntry.

And as we felt a moſt ſenſible Concern for the Diſtreſs of your moſt loyal Subjects of Hanover, our moſt faithful Allies, whom the Pride and Cruelty of the Enemy had devoted to Deſtruction in a moſt unexampled Manner, without any other Provocation than the ſharing with us the Bleſſings of your Majeſty's juſt and equitable Government, ſo we reflect with the higheſt Pleaſure, upon their Deliverance by one of the moſt glorious Victories recorded in Hiſtory.

With Hearts filled with the warmeſt Sentiments of Duty and Loyalty, permit us, moſt gracious Sovereign, to addreſs our Thanks to your Majeſty, next under Heaven, the glorious Inſtrument of ſo many invaluable Bleſſings, whoſe Paternal Care hath left little more to your People, in their National Capacity, to requeſt of Providence, but that He would vouchſafe to add Perpetuity to theſe Bleſſings, by granting your Majeſty a long and happy Reign over us, and that there may never be wanting a Prince of your Illuſtrious Family to ſway the Scepter of theſe Kingdoms to remoteſt Ages.

But if, as the laſt Effort of Deſpair, and in order to deprive us of theſe invaluable Bleſſings, the Ambition of the Enemy ſhould prompt them to invade theſe Kingdoms, we humbly beg Leave to aſſure your Majeſty of our moſt ardent Zeal in Defence of your Majeſty's Sacred Perſon and Government with our Lives and Fortunes, and by all other lawful Means within our Power.

King of Pruſſia's Head Quarters at Willſdruff, Nov 24.

On the 22d Inſtant, we received here the very diſagreable News of the Event that has happened to Lieutenant General Finck, and the Troops under his Command. He had been detached by his Pruſſian Majeſty to take Poſt at Maxen, a ſmall Village ſituated in the Road from Saxony into Bohemia, which he accordingly effected. On the 20th he was attacked by a ſuperior Force of the Enemy, and drove from his Poſt, retiring by Dohna; but on the next Day, finding himſelf ſurrounded on all Sides by the Auſtrians, he was obliged to capitulate, and accordingly ſurrendered himſelf Priſoner of War, together

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with eight other General Officers, and his whole Corps, which is reckoned to conſiſt of about 35 Squadrons and 17 Battalions; the latter however much weakened by the Campaign they had made againſt the Ruſſians.

We thought Yeſterday that we were at the Eve of a Battle; the Auſtrians having advanced towards the Poſt of Keſſelſdorff, which was occupied by General Ziethen with our Van Guard, and having even begun cannonading that Village, though without any Effect. The King being informed of it, ordered the Army immediately to advance; but the Enemy having probably no ſerious Intention to come to a general Action, retired before we were able to engage them. To-Day every Thing remains quiet.

Hague, Dec. 4. The laſt Letters bring nothing very intereſting from the Armies upon the Lahne. Prince Ferdinand's Head Quarters continue ſtill at Kroſſdorff, and the French are encamped about Gieſſen. Nor has any Change happened lately in their reſpective Poſition, except by the Detachments made, on each Side, of their Cavalry into Quarters of Cantonments. M. de Broglio has ſent a Body of Troops to penetrate by the Country of Fulde into Lower Heſſe, and his Serene Highneſs, it was ſaid, was preparing to detach a Corps to oppoſe them, having recalled that which had marched, under the Prince of Bevern, towards the Country of Cologne.

Whitehall, December 8.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint Thomas Wroughton, Eſq; to be Conſul General for the ſeveral Parts of the Ruſſian Empire, wherein His Majeſty's Britiſh Subjects have Trade and Commerce.

Admiralty Office, December 8.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint the Right Honourable Edward Boſcawen, Eſq; Admiral of the Blue, to be General of the Marine Forces: And,

Alſo to appoint Charles Saunders, Eſq; Vice-Admiral of the Blue, to be Lieutenant General of the ſaid Forces.

Dublin, December 1.

Yeſterday being the Anniverſary of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales's Birth-day, the Great Guns were fired in the Phœnix Park, and anſwered by Vollies from the Regiments in Garriſon, which were drawn out in the Royal Square at the Barracks: At Noon there was a very ſplendid Appearance of the Nobility, and other Perſons of Diſtinction, at the Caſtle, to compliment his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, upon this Occaſion: In the Evening a Play was given by his Grace for the Entertainment of the Ladies, and a Ball at the Caſtle; and the Night concluded with Bonfires, Illuminations, and all other Demonſtrations of Joy.

Cuſtom-Houſe, London, Dec. 7, 1759.

The Receiver General of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms gives Notice, that he will be ready, on the 17*th Day of December Inſtant, and the Four following uſual Days of Payment, to pay all Out-Port Corn Debentures that ſhall then be due and payable, without Intereſt.*

The ſaid Receiver General gives this further Notice, that in Caſe any of the ſaid Debentures ſhall remain unpaid for want of being tendered for Payment on one of the five Days above-mentioned, that no Intereſt will be paid thereon.

Royal Exchange Aſſurance Office, London, Dec. 5, 1759.

The Court of Directors of the Royal Exchange Aſſurance Company do hereby give Notice, that their Transfer Books will be ſhut from Tueſday the 18*th Inſtant, to Thurſday the* 17*th of January next, and that the Annual General Court of the ſaid Company, appointed by their Charter, will be held at their Office on the Royal Exchange, on Wedneſday the* 19*th Inſtant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, and that a Dividend will be conſidered of at the ſaid Court.*

Merchant Seamens Office Royal Exchange.

A Quarterly General Court of the Preſident and Governors for the Relief and Support of Sick, Maimed, and Diſabled Seamen, and for the Widows and Children of ſuch as ſhall be Killed, Slain, or Drowned in the Merchants Service, will be held at this Office on Wedneſday the 26*th of December Inſtant, at Eleven o'Clock.*

By Order of the Preſident and Committee,
Dan Campbell, *Secretary.*

Office for Sick and Wounded Seamen, and for Exchanging Priſoners of War, Nov. 17, 1759.

Whereas Deſertions from Parole among the Priſoners of War now admitted thereto in ſeveral Parts of the Kingdom, have been, and continue to be very frequent, and whereas there is Reaſon to believe ſuch Priſoners have met, and do meet with Aſſiſtance from ſome of his Majeſty's Subjects and others reſiding within this Kingdom, ſome of whom have been proſecuted to Conviction, and Proſecutions are carrying on now againſt others, and whereas adhering to the King's Enemies by giving them Aid or Comfort, either within his Realm or elſewhere, or the Concealment thereof, are the higheſt Crimes; the Commiſſioners for Sick and Wounded Seamen, and for Exchanging Priſoners of War, do hereby Promiſe a reaſonable Reward to any Perſon by whoſe Means any ſuch Priſoners of War ſhall be apprehended, or by whoſe Diſcovery any of His Majeſty's Subjects, or any Perſon reſiding within this Realm, ſhall be convicted of aiding and aſſiſting, directly or indirectly, the ſaid Priſoners of War in their Eſcapes from Parole, or of proving them to be ſo aided and aſſiſted, or of affording them, directly or indirectly, or of procuring them to be afforded, Comfort and Harbour in or after ſuch their Diſertions from Parole, or by any other Means aiding and aſſiſting them in ſuch Deſertions and Eſcapes; and the ſaid Commiſſioners do hereby further give Notice, that all and every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending againſt their Allegiance and the Laws of this Kingdom, will be proſecuted as the Law directs.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, will be held at their Office in Dean's Yard, Weſtminſter, on Tueſday the 11*th of December inſtant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon.*

South Sea Houſe, London, Dec 6, 1759.

The Court of Directors of the South Sea Company give Notice, that the Transfer Books of New South Sea Annuities, and alſo thoſe of 3 *per Cent. Annuities* 1751, *will be ſhut on Tueſday the* 18*th Inſtant, at Two o'Clock, the latter Books to be opened on Thurſday the* 17*th of January, and the Books of New South Sea Annuities to be opened on Thurſday the* 24*th of January next.*

That the Transfer Books of the Capital Stock will be ſhut on Monday the 24*th Inſtant, at Two o'Clock, and opened again on Friday the* 8*th of February next.*

That the Warrants for the Half-year's Intereſt due the 5*th of January next, on the New South Sea Annuities, will be paid on Saturday the* 9*th of February next.*

That the Warrants for the Half-year's Dividend on the Capital Stock, alſo due on the 5*th of January next, will be paid on Tueſday the* 12*th of February following.*

And that the Transfer Books of New South Sea Annuities will be ſhut on ſaid Days of Payment.

Mine Adventure Company, Dec. 6, 1759.

A General Court of the Governor and Company of the Mine Adventurers of England is appointed to be held at the George and Vulture Tavern in Cornhill, on Wedneſday the 19*th of this Inſtant December, upon ſpecial Affairs.*

London, Dec. 6, 1759.

Notice is hereby given, that a General Court of the Governor and Company for working of Mines, Minerals and Metals, in that Part of Great-Britain called Scotland, will be held at the Sun Fire Office behind the Royal Exchange, on Thurſday the 10*th of January next, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, to conſider of a Dividend; and that the Transfer Books of the ſaid Company will be then ſhut.*

Notice